

Union Calendar No. 210

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1454

[Report No. 111-358, Part I]

To provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds
Semipostal Stamp.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2009

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina (for himself, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. KIND, Mrs. BONO MACK, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. TANNER, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

DECEMBER 7, 2009

Additional sponsors: Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. MACK, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. REYES, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. HOLT, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. KRATOVIL, Mr. DICKS, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. LEE of New York, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. FARR, Mr. BUCHANAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. INGLIS, Mr. STARK, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. JONES, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr.

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DECEMBER 7, 2009

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 12, 2009]

A BILL

To provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species
Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 *This Act may be cited as the “Multinational Species*
- 5 *Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2009”.*

1 **SEC. 2. MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUNDS**

2 **SEMIPOSTAL STAMP.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—In order to afford a convenient way
 4 for members of the public to contribute to funding for the
 5 operations supported by the Multinational Species Con-
 6 servation Funds, the United States Postal Service shall
 7 issue a semipostal stamp (hereinafter in this Act referred
 8 to as the “Multinational Species Conservation Funds
 9 Semipostal Stamp”) in accordance with succeeding provi-
 10 sions of this section.

11 (b) *COST.*—The Multinational Species Conservation
 12 Funds Semipostal Stamp shall be offered at a cost equal
 13 to the cost of mailing a letter weighing 1 ounce or less at
 14 the nonautomation single-piece first-ounce letter rate, in ef-
 15 fect at the time of purchase, plus a differential of not less
 16 than 25 percent.

17 (c) *OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—The issuance
 18 and sale of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds
 19 Semipostal Stamp shall be governed by the provisions of
 20 section 416 of title 39, United States Code, and regulations
 21 issued under such section, subject to subsection (b) and the
 22 following:

23 (1) *DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.*—

24 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—All amounts becoming
 25 available from the sale of the Multinational Spe-
 26 cies Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp (as

determined under section 416(d) of such title 39) shall be transferred to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, for the purpose described in subsection (a), through payments which shall be made at least twice a year, with the proceeds to be divided equally among the African Elephant Conservation Fund, the Asian Elephant Conservation Fund, the Great Ape Conservation Fund, the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund, and other international wildlife conservation funds authorized by the Congress after the date of the enactment of this Act and administered by the Service as part of the Multinational Species Conservation Fund.

(B) *PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.*—In accordance with section 416(d)(4) of such title 39, amounts becoming available from the sale of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp (as so determined) shall not be taken into account in any decision relating to the level of appropriations or other Federal funding to be furnished in any year to—

(i) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; or

1 (ii) any of the funds identified in sub-
2 paragraph (A).

3 (2) *DURATION.*—*The Multinational Species Con-*
4 *servations Funds Semipostal Stamp shall be made*
5 *available to the public for a period of at least 5 years,*
6 *beginning no later than 12 months after the date of*
7 *the enactment of this Act.*

8 (3) *STAMP DEPICTIONS.*—*Stamps issued under*
9 *this Act shall depict images of flagship multinational*
10 *species, such as African and Asian elephants, rhinoc-*
11 *eros and tigers, marine turtles, and certain species of*
12 *great apes.*

13 (4) *LIMITATION.*—*The Multinational Species*
14 *Conservations Funds Semipostal Stamp shall not be*
15 *subject to, or taken into account for purposes of ap-*
16 *plying, any limitation under section 416(e)(1)(C) of*
17 *such title 39.*

18 (5) *RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.*—*Amounts*
19 *transferred under paragraph (1) shall not be used to*
20 *fund or support the Wildlife Without Borders Pro-*
21 *gram or to supplement funds made available for the*
22 *Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund.*

23 (d) *DEFINITION.*—*For purposes of this Act, the term*
24 *“semipostal stamp” refers to a stamp described in section*
25 *416(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code.*

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